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1. DURING CALL ON MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION COUNSELOR
VENYAMIN NABIEV AND FIRST SECRETARY SERGEI KRUGLOV JANUARY 18 ON
OTHER MATTERS, EMBASSY'S CONSULAR COUNSELOR ASKED IF DATE HAD
BEEN SET FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSULAR TALKS. THEY REPLIED
MFA MIGHT BE READY TO DO SO WEEK OF JANUARY 23. WHEN CONSULAR
COUNSELOR COMMENTED HE WOULD BE ON TRIP TO UKRAINE THAT WEEK,
NABIEV STATED THAT TALKS WOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL EARLY FEBRUARY.

2. REFTEL A SUMMARIZES STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS AT TIME OF
BREAKDOWN OF TALKS ON JUNE 29, 1977.

3. REFTEL B NOTES DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE TWELVE-
MONTH MULTIPLE ENTRY "L" OR "B-1" VISAS AS APPROPRIATE TO PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVES OF SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS IN US
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IN EXCHANGE FOR SOVIET AGREEMENT TO GRANT MULTIPLE ENTRY/EXIT
VISAS TO ALL REPRESENTATIVES OF ACCREDITED US FIRMS IN USSR.

4. REFTEL C NOTIFIES DISTRICT DIRECTOR INS ROME AND INS VIENNA
THAT EMBASSY MAY SOON BE IN A POSITION TO IMPLEMENT GROUP
WAIVER ARRANGEMENT FOR C-1 VISA APPLICANTS PROPOSED BY DD INS
ROME LAST JUNE.

5. UPON RESUMPTION OF TALKS, WE PLAN TO RECEIVE MFA'S PROPOSED PACKAGE AND TRANSMIT IT TO DEPARTMENT WITH EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION FOR REPLY.

6. BIO DATA: NABIEV HAS JUST ASSUMED CHARGE OF CONSULAR DESK FOR NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA. HERETOFORE, CONSULAR MATTERS FOR NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA WERE UNDER SAME DESK AS FOR WESTERN EUROPE AND HEADED BY COUNSELOR SERAFIM M. SUSLIN. LATTER NOW HEADS CONSULAR DESK FOR WESTERN EUROPE. NABIEV APPEARS TO BE IN HIS FIFTIES, SAID THAT HE WAS BORN IN BAKU AND HAS SWARTHY COMPLEXION. HE STATED THAT HE HAS JUST RETURNED FROM TOUR AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY AT DAMASCUS. OUR FIRST IMPRESSION IS THAT NABIEV IS AFFABLE AND CONSTRUCTIVELY BUSINESS-LIKE IN HIS APPROACH TO CONSULAR MATTERS.
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